**Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board**

**HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL**

**1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS**

**Monday, June 15, 2020**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Member Larkin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present:
Member Nicolas Wohr
Member Lisa Rowell
Member Kyle Knop
Member Mandy Larkin
Member Dinah Stults
Member Gwen Grimsley-McIntosh

The following member was absent:
Member Calin Giuroiu

Also in attendance:

John Smith, Town Administrator

Chris Gordon, Town Council Liaison

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant

**Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. And Texas Flags**

Member Larkin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

**Invocation**

Member Rowell gave the invocation.

**Items of Community Interest**

The town will be hosting a Drive Thru Dinner on July 2, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at town hall for residents.

**Public Comment**

John Grosskopf, 131 Oakwood Lane, would like to welcome the new board members and farewell to the remaining members. Mr. Grosskopf stated work on the board is important and the board’s responsibility is to advise Town Council on matters affecting parks and recreation. The town is blessed with six parks and probably has more per capita park acreage than any town in Texas, setting Hickory Creek apart, and drawing people to live here. In the past several months, the board approved a movie in the park, event collaboration with the Lake Dallas

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Parks and Recreation board, the installation of a life jacket safety station by the scouts, and the adoption of the Master Parks plan, with the assistance from the board to implement priority actions. Mr. Grosskopf and Kerby Pierre stand ready to serve.

John Grosskopf emailed additional comments to all board members for public record.

Kerby Pierre, 210 Forestview, stated he joined the board because he likes nature and he wanted to help. He is passionate about the environment and wants his daughters to see a reflection of themselves. Serving is something he does not take lightly. Mr. Pierre stated that he and Mr. Grosskopf served the board honorably and despite perceptions of Mr. Grosskopf, Mr. Pierre believed there to be no better Chairman than Mr. Grosskopf. Since 2013 there have been approximately six board chairmans. Four of which since 2018. A few things to be noted about character-you have to have a clear vision for the group, challenge everyone’s thinking, communicate well and often, and be knowledgeable and willing to learn more.  All volunteer board members serve at will of the town and Mr. Pierre can walk away knowing he served well from events, relationships with town staff, meetings including the infamous special meeting of January 2019, which brings to question why the chairman and vice chairman were voted off the board. Something doesn’t seem right, but it wasn’t their service. While speaking with the Mayor regarding not being elected to the board, these discussions came up along with others. It was a great discussion. To move forward, to the next Chairman- be independent, lead with vision, take the board to the next level, and don’t be influenced. To the current and new board members- follow your Chair, question passionately because Chris and John will be happy to answer questions, serve the parks, be careful of influence because you volunteer for the town. He wished the board success and that he will always be around to help answer questions and volunteer when needed because service comes first in his heart.

**Consent Agenda**

1. May 2020 Meeting Minutes

2. May 2020 Financials

Motion made by Member Larkin to approve consent agenda items 1-2, Seconded by Member Stults.
Voting Yea: Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Knop, Member Larkin, Member Stults, Member Grimsley-McIntosh. Motion passed unanimously.

**Regular Agenda**

3. Consider and act on Parks and Recreation Board Officers to serve until June 2021.

Motion made by Member Rowell to appoint Mandy Larkin, Chairman and Lisa Rowell, Vice Chairman, Seconded by Member Wohr.
Voting Yea: Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Knop, Member Larkin, Member Stults, Member Grimsley-McIntosh. Motion passed unanimously.

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4. Discussion regarding participation with the National Wildlife Federation (NFW).

Member Stults gave a brief overview regarding participation with the National Wildlife Federation to include fees and participation requirements. The board will revisit the program again at the next meeting.

5. Consider and act on a date for the Great American Cleanup.

Discussion was held regarding a date for the Great American Cleanup and the possibility of hosting the cleanup in conjunction with the Arbor Day Event in November. No action was taken.

6. Consider and act on an Arbor Day Event.

Motion made by Member Larkin to host an Arbor Day Event on Saturday, November 7, 2020, Seconded by Member Wohr.
Voting Yea: Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Knop, Member Larkin, Member Stults, Member Grimsley-McIntosh. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion regarding implementation of the 2020 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan adopted on February 24, 2020.

Town Administrator, John Smith was in attendance to discuss action plan items to incorporate in the parks. According to the implementation plan some items include trails along the lake and through town, fishing pier, additional lighting in the parks and playground equipment. Discussion was held regarding a sandy beach and dog park.

8. Consider and act on a recommendation to the Town Council regarding projects, or repairs in Arrowhead Park, Harbor Lane Park, Point Vista Park, Sycamore Bend Park, and Tanglewood Park either needed or ongoing.

Members were assigned parks to report necessary projects or repairs back to the board.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Member Larkin to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Member Stults.
Voting Yea: Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Knop, Member Larkin, Member Stults, Member Grimsley-McIntosh. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Approved:                                                       Attest:

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Mandy Larkin, Member                            Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant

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